

Kitchen Korner

Cooking Up Memories With Family Cake Recipes

(NAPSA)—Walk down the hallway of your old high school or flip through a childhood photo album and the memories just come flooding back. But nothing strikes nostalgia more than the smell and taste of a favorite recipe—it can take you back to an exact moment in time shared with special people in your life.

And in America, special times are often celebrated with a cake—family recipes that have been passed down from generation to generation. Whether it's for a birthday, anniversary or just because, cakes are the key to showing someone just how special they are.

Whirlpool, who has been building the ovens and ranges that cook these time-honored tasty treasures for more than 50 years, wants to learn about the recipes and hear the stories of America's great cakes. The company has just launched its second annual Accubake Unique Cake contest, which brought in more than 400 recipes in its inaugural year.

"Baking a cake is a way for me to share something very close to my heart with family and friends," said Elizabeth Kisch of Dayton, Ohio, who won last year's contest with her chocolate coffee toffee cake. "Nothing compares to the smell in the kitchen or look on people's face when they taste a really great cake. That's where my reward comes in."

Last year's finalists included a pineapple fish cake, a tomato soup cake and an old-fashioned root beer float cake. The judges this year can only hope to receive as many unique cake recipes this year.

"It was incredible to hear the stories and learn about the different recipes from last year's con-



An unusual family recipe could "take the cake" in a new contest.

tants," said Gale Gand, host of the Food Network show "Sweet Dreams" and lead judge for the contest. "Entering this contest means there is a cake recipe in your family unique enough that the entire country would be interested in knowing how and why you make it, as well as what's inside."

To enter the contest, people can send their cake recipes, photographs and the stories behind them to Whirlpool Accubake Unique Cake Contest, 444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60611. Or, you can enter recipes at www.whirlpool.com or e-mail them to accubake.whirlpool@pr21.com. The deadline for entries is Oct. 31, 2003. The top 10 finalists will be asked to participate in a cake-off in Atlanta on Nov. 24, 2003 and each one will receive a Whirlpool Accubake range. The contest winner will also receive \$5,000.